(*c*) whether in the evenings, the inmates are allowed to have any entertainments and if so, what kind of entertainments ?

(*d*) whether the inmates are supplied with magazines and periodicals ?

*Minister for Home Affairs* (**Shri T. M. Varghese**) :

(*a*) The following are the improvements made.

1. The ankle rings used to be imposed on prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment are not imposed now.

2. The Prison library has been developed with the additions of books on history, literature, ethics etc. The inmates are supplied with almost all the local newspapers and periodicals.

3. Radios with loud speakers are provided in jails for their recreation. The inmates are allowed to use the mike for the entertainment and education of the inmates on subjects religious, moral etc.

4. Jail industries are developed so as to afford facilities to the prisoners for vocational training according to the aptitude of each individual and suited to his following a trade when he goes out of the prison.

5. The scale of diet is modified to include all food factors required to keep up a man's health in good condition.

6. In addition to the allopathic treatment formerly allowed to prisoners, Ayurvedic treatment is also provided to those who require such treatment.

7. For recreation and leisure time entertainments the prisoners are allowed to play games such as volley ball etc., cinema shows of educative value are also shown to them at times.

8. Oils including medicated and soaps, both washing and toilet are allowed at the prisoners, own cost.

9. Punishments such as solitary confinement and substitution of gunny or other coarse fabric for clothing of other material are abolished.

(*b*) The diet scales of A, B & C class prisoners are attached.†

(*c*) Radio sets with loud speakers are provided in jails for evening entertainments. In the evenings of all working days and on holidays the inmates play volly ball etc.

(*d*) The inmates are supplied with magazines and periodicals.

## Import Duty on Cocoanut Oil and Copra

*16. [16] **Shri K. Bhanu** : Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :

† see Appendix I,II and IV.

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Whether representations have been made to the Government of India regarding the reduction of import duty on cocoanut oil and copra and the consequent dullness in market ?

*Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies* (**Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon**) :

Yes.

## Reservation of Seats

*17. [17] **Shri A. Kunjan Nadar :** Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :

(*a*) the percentage of seats reserved for Backward Communities for the Engineering and Medical Colleges respectively ;

(*b*) the communities recognised as Backward communities for the purpose ;

(*c*) the percentage of seats reserved for Backward Communities for the Diploma Course in Engineering and for the Poly-technic course at Kalamassery respectively;

(*d*) whether any community included in the Backward Community list for the purpose of the Engineering College is not included in the list for Diploma or Poly-technic course ; and

(*e*) if so, which are the Communities and why ?

*Minister for Local Self Government* (**Shri K. Kochukuttan**) :

(*a*) *Engineering College.* 5 per cent for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, 15 per cent for Backward Communities, exclusive of those secured by merit.

*Medical College.* 33 1/3 per cent including 5 seats for Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

(*b*) 1. Scheduled Castes.
2. Scheduled Tribes.
3. Other Hindus consisting of :
   (*a*) Arayan (Nulayan)
   (*b*) Arayavathi (അരയവാതി)
   (*c*) Alwar
   (*d*) Boyan
   (*e*) Chavalakkaran
   (*f*) Ezhavathi (Vathi)
   (*g*) Kaniyan *ailas* Ganaka
   (*h*) Kumbaran
   (*i*) Kusavan
   (*j*) Maravan

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